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Fatal Industrial Accident

Riverside, CA -- On Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at about 9:28 a.m., Riverside Police and Fire units responded to a report of a medical emergency at Johnson Power Systems, 656 E. La Cadena Dr., Riverside, CA .

Upon arrival, units learned that an employee had been injured and died at the scene. The deceased was working on a large piece of fire apparatus, running the engine on a dynamometer. While working alone, the tilt-forward cab apparently tilted back on the victim, crushing him between a driver side tire and the frame of the cab. The tilt-forward mechanism is hydraulically actuated, by use of a wired remote control. The control was present in the immediate work area of the victim. Upon being discovered by co-workers, the cab was lifted from the victim, and CPR was attempted. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene by Riverside Fire Department personnel.

Investigation by the Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner, and the Cal-OSHA, is continuing. The management of Johnson Power Systems is cooperating fully with the investigation. No foul play is suspected. A chaplain serving the Riverside Police and Fire Departments responded to the scene to provide assistance to co-workers.

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